GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Rapid Survey on Children
Tharoor Dr. Shashi

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that in our country around 30 percent children and underweight, 39 per cent are stunted and 15 percent are wasted according to the Rapid survey on Children and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government is aware that the expenditure on the National Nutrition Mission that seeks to remove malnutrition was only Rs. 20 crore in the year 2014-15 and for the year 2015-16,there was no expenditure on this Mission at all;
(c) if so, the reasons therefor;
(d) whether the Government proposes to allocate enhanced budget towards the nutritional needs of the children given that India has a huge population of malnourished children and also enable fulfilling our commitment under the Sustainable Development Goals; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a): As per the Rapid Survey on Children, 29.4% children under-five years were underweight, 38.7% stunted and 15.1% were wasted.

(b) & (c): Yes Madam. The IEC campaign, one of the components of National Nutrition Mission, was completed in 2014-15. Another component i.e. Multi-sectoral Nutritional Programme could not be implemented.

(d) & (e): The allocation of budget for ICDS, as Government of India share, during the last three years and the current year is as under:

(Rupees in crores)

S. No Year Budget Allocation (BE) Budget Allocation (RE) Total released
1 2014-15 18,195.00 16561.60 16581.82

2 2015-16 8335.77 15483.77 15438.94

3 2016-17 14,000.00 14560.60 14430.32

4 2017-18 15245.19 - 7424.74

The cost sharing ratio between the Centre and the States has been revised from the year 2015-16. The present cost sharing ratio is 60:40 for all States/UTs for non-nutrition component and 50:50 for nutrition component; 90:10 for NER and Himalayan States and 100% for UTs without legislature. With the upward revision of State/UT share, the Government of India share has, in fact, increased.

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